



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Minutes – Thursday, July 20, 2017

- Committee Members:** Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA via phone), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Luann Hamilton (CDOT), Mayor Jeffrey Schielke (Council of Mayors via phone), Christopher Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties)
- Staff Present:** Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Jen Maddux
- Others Present:** Suzanne Devane, Dan Feltman, Laura Fedak (via phone), Jackie Forbes, Brian Hacker, Sara Hage, Emily Karry, Tom Kelso, Tim Coffey, Steven Manella, Chuck Nelson, Charlotte Obodzinski (via phone), Stephanie Phifer, Brian Pigeon, Keith Privett, Andrew Pufundt, Tom Rickert, Ken Schroth, Brian Stepp, Mike Sullivan, Charles Tokar, David Tomzik, Brian Urbaszewski, Mike Walczak, Michael Weiser

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson announced that this is Chairman Patronsky's last CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting; he is retiring. Mr. Ferguson thanked Mr. Patronsky for over 15 years of service on CMAP staff and his dedication to the Committee. Mr. Patronsky thanked Mr. Ferguson for his kind words, and noted that the CMAQ program was in good hands with capable staff such as himself, Mr. Elam, and Ms. Maddux.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—April 13, 2017

Mr. Stepp stated that he was not in attendance for the April 13, 2017 meeting. Mr. Burkhart stated that he was on the phone for part of the April 13, 2017 meeting. Mr. Patronsky stated that the minutes would be amended. On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred projects and the line item changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee were included in the meeting packet. Mr. Privett

suggested that only line items with deferred funds not expended should be included on the deferred summary report. Mr. Ferguson stated that staff would try to create that report.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson reported that the programming summary and obligation goal report was provided to Committee members. He reported that, to date, the region has obligated just over \$46 million of the \$103.8 million goal.

4.3 May 2017 Status Updates

Mr. Patronsky reported that a summary of the May 2017 semi-annual status updates responses were included in the Committee packets.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 CDOT – Washington/Wabash Consolidated CTA Station (TIP ID 01-12-0008)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a transfer of \$5,300,000 federal from the Clark/Division Red Line station rehabilitation project (TIP ID 01-96-0008) and a cost increase of \$4,000,000 federal for construction in FFY 2017. Mr. Patronsky asked how much funding was left in the Clark/Division project. Mr. Privett replied \$5.3 million. Mr. Pitstick asked if the Washington/Wabash project is coming along well. Ms. Hamilton responded that there have been staging issues and project delays but the station will open this fall. On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested transfer and cost increase were approved.

5.2 Cook County DOTD – Old Orchard Road from Edens Expressway to Skokie Boulevard (TIP ID 02-97-0006)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$1,350,000 federal (\$0 total) for construction in FFY 2020 and that staff recommends deferral of the requested cost increase to a later date when construction estimates are final. Mr. Snyder noted that Cook County accepted the staff recommendation. On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the staff recommendation to defer the cost increase request to a later date was approved.

5.3 Cook County DOTD – I-294 at IL 64/North Avenue (TIP ID 03-96-0021)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$26,117,074 federal (\$32,646,342 total) for construction from FFY 2019 to FFY 2018. On a motion made by Mayor Schielke and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested reinstatement and schedule change was approved.

5.4 Chicago Ridge – Chicago Ridge Metra Station Area Access Improvements (TIP ID 06-16-0010)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a transfer of \$55,716 federal (\$69,645 total) from phase 2 engineering in FFY 2018 to construction in FFY 2019 and a cost increase of \$518,258 federal (\$647,823 total) for construction in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested transfer and cost increase were approved.

5.5 Aurora – Aurora Transportation Center (ATC) Enhancements (TIP ID 09-16-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$8,027,911 federal (\$13,456,588 total) for construction from FFY 2019 to FFY 2018, a transfer of \$589,071 federal (\$747,588 total) for phase 2 engineering in FFY 2018 to construction in FFY 2018 and cost increase of \$2,856,942 federal (\$0 total) for construction in FFY 2018. Mr. Pitstick asked why the sponsor is requesting CMAQ to fund 80% of the construction costs. Mr. Schroth replied that there is overmatch with local funds and the CMAQ portion would be less than 80% overall. On a motion made by Mayor Schielke and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested schedule change, transfer and cost increase were approved.

5.6 Metra – Repower Passenger Locomotives (TIP ID 18-14-0002)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a transfer of \$160,000 federal (\$200,000 total) from engineering in FFY 2017 to implementation in FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested transfer was approved.

5.7 Bensenville – Church Road from Irving Park Road to Grove Avenue (TIP ID 08-11-0017)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a transfer \$64,000 federal (\$80,000 total) from phase 2 engineering in FFY 2017 to construction in FFY 2018. On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested transfer was approved.

6.0 CMAQ/TAP-L Call for Projects

Mr. Ferguson reported that as part of the FFY 2018-2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program and FFY 2018-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program-Local development process, staff is presenting its recommended program to the Project Selection Committee. Following the PSC meeting, the recommended program and any adjustments will be presented to the Transportation Committee on August 4, where staff will request that it be released for public comment.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether the program is constrained after the approved cost changes; Mr. Ferguson replied that it is.

Mr. Schmidt stated that many of IDOT's intersection improvement projects showed a cost effectiveness score of zero and questioned the meaningfulness of the score. He asked if the scoring methodology was available for Committee members; Mr. Ferguson replied that the full program spreadsheet is on CMAP's website on the Program Development page.

Mr. Burkhart stated that he had conversations with Mr. Ferguson and they agreed to investigate updating the direct emissions reduction tools so there is consistent modeling data.

Ms. Devane asked how the VOC reduction was calculated for recreational trail projects. Mr. Ferguson replied that the off-road trails and on-street facilities are evaluated using a bicycle switching model which is an offshoot of the regional model and he could provide details after the meeting. Ms. Devane asked what dataset was used for local traffic and freight traffic in Barrington's grade separation application, noting that she believed data provided by CN to be incorrect. Mr. Ferguson replied that the transportation impact evaluation was based on the information provided by the project sponsor in the application.

Mr. Snyder stated that combining the separate composite priority index scores for both TAP-L and CMAQ projects could be misleading to the public; he suggested that in the future the two programs should be presented separately. Mr. Snyder stated that after two years into performance-based programming, he was shocked to see highway projects with a cost effectiveness score of zero and questioned whether the measures are being applied appropriately; he suggested that the measures be revisited in the next call for projects. Mr. Patronsky replied that cost effectiveness score is scaled. Ms. Hamilton stated that the same issue came up for CDOT's Divvy project and that there should be a better measure. Mr. Privett suggested that staff look at a logarithmic instead of linear scale. Mr. Rickert stated that issue might be the semantics of the phrase "cost effectiveness" and that project applications were vetted locally and are wanted by the public. Mr. Ferguson stated that the cost effectiveness score is based on air quality. Mr. Patronsky resolved that staff will consider these suggestions for the next call for projects.

7.0 FAST Act

Mr. Patronsky reported that part of the national performance measures rule requires that the region set an emissions reduction target based on FHWA's public access database. He noted that no action is required by the Committee but everyone should be aware.

8.0 Other Business

Mr. Rickert commended CMAP staff for hard work and dedication to make Committee meetings run smoothly.

Mr. Snyder asked if there are projects to take care of the PM_{2.5} requirement. Mr. Patronsky replied that, owing to invalid monitor data, the region was now "unclassifiable" with respect to PM_{2.5}, which is treated the same as attainment. Thus, the PM_{2.5} set-aside was reduced to only the small amount attributable to Metro East in FFY 2017.

Mr. Ferguson pointed out that there are still PM_{2.5} funds from prior years to expend in the region and that the error will be corrected. Mr. Burkhart stated that the region is still in nonattainment for NO_x and ozone precursors and the Committee should have more discussions on that matter at a later date.

Mr. Patronsky reported that Volkswagen is working on a settlement and IEPA will be the recipient of the funds coming to Illinois. IEPA will make a program to expend just under \$100 million. Mr. Patronsky reported that Volkswagen is also implementing electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the region. Mr. Snyder asked how much will come to the region; Mr. Urbaszewski replied that the amount of charging infrastructure coming to Illinois has not been announced yet.

9.0 Public Comment

Mr. Schroth thanked the Committee for their votes of confidence in the Aurora Transportation Center (ATC) Enhancements project and provided an update on the CMAQ-funded Route 59 Metra station area project. Mr. Schroth reported that CMAQ funded 450 new parking spaces and a new pedestrian bridge. Since the transit center opened, about one thousand apartments and condominiums have been built or are under construction in the transit-oriented development area around the station; the City hopes to see the same type of development occur around the new ATC.

Mr. Urbaszewski thanked the Committee and staff for their work to improve air quality. He stated that Tuesday, July 18 hit a high on the air quality index at 96 parts per billion. Mr. Urbaszewski stated that CMAQ has an impact and also a lot of work to do, adding that he hopes the transportation sector looks deeper into solutions to global warming.

Mr. Weiser stated that he is disappointed that the Committee does not talk about innovative design and that he hopes future conversations will be open to discussing autonomous vehicles and other innovative solutions to congestion.

10.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Patronsky stated that the committee's next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:

_____ Darwin Burkhart	_____ Mark Pitstick	_____ Chris Schmidt
_____ Luann Hamilton	_____ Jeffery Schielke	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ Ross Patronsky, Chair		